

**Holy Covenant MCC  
Board Meeting  
July 20, 2017**

- I: Meeting call to order: 7:03 pm  
Present: Martha, Tom, Barb, Steve  
Regrets: Bruce  
Guests: Mary Ann Latsaras, Laura Cleveland
- II: Opening Prayer – Martha Daniels
- III: Check in – all are well; Barb just had foot surgery, but is on the mend.
- IV: Approval of the Agenda – Steve Marz  
Steve moved to accept; Barb seconded; unanimous approval
- V: Approval of May Board Minutes – Steve Marz  
Steve moved to accept; Tom seconded; unanimous approval
- VI: Reports
- A. Clerk's Report (verbal) – Steve Marz  
Currently still at 35 members  
Martha moved to accept, Barb seconded, all approved
- B. Treasurer's Report – Bruce Myers  
Tabled to August Meeting
- VII: Continued Items
- A. Buildings and Grounds  
Sump pump working well, despite all the rain.  
A new Task List has been posted, and will also be posted to our Facebook Page by Barb.  
Thank you to Sue and Karen for installing new kickbase.  
For the new alarm, Tom reported that the conversion will take place on July 21. Tom will then contact both AT&T and ADT to cancel them.
- HVAC Go Fund Me Page is up and running. Between that and regular donations, we are at \$3685 toward the new HVAC system.  
As of this meeting, we have four (4) quotes, with one more due anon. Tom will do a special comparison sheet covering all five quotes. The Tom will also do Better Business Bureau checks on the top 2 or 3. For Business References.

A big thank you to Ian for all his help in dealing with the bidders – the extra effort he has made is very much appreciated.

Martha suggested that we also check with Faith in Place, and Tom will check with all the bidders as to the time frame for completing the work.

For the Boiler alone, it's looking as if the cost will be from \$4600-\$7600.

B. Drag Queen Bingo

Next game will be in September, we are looking for someone to coordinate.

Tom will mention in this week's Announcements.

C. UFMCC News –

D. Strategic Planning

Martha, Tom and Greg will meet soon.

E. Social Media Coordinator

Barb is now posting the Agenda and Board Minutes on our website. Barb will add Pop-Ups for the Go Fund Me page and also for the Joint Worship in August.

Special thanks to Barb who donated \$10 for a boost for Go Fund Me, to increase awareness.

F. Pastor's Notes

Joint worship with Grace Lutheran went very well with positive feedback from both congregations.

Work has begun on the Narrative Lectionary – readings are all done, Worship team can now begin work on adding Music/Songs.

Martha and Greg will conduct refresher training for members of worship committee

There will be a larger joint worship with several other congregations from the Ministerium – this will be outdoors on Sunday, August 6 – Outdoors Under the Son.

Congregational care team will be starting a prayer chain, with calls and emails to the rest of the team when prayers are needed for members of the congregation.

Martha met with Bruce to work on stewardship program – we need a big long term fundraising effort ASAP. Bruce will draft and send out stewardship update letters to the congregation at the end of August.

On Tuesday, August 15, ARISE Chicago (Brookfield Group) will meet at Holy Covenant – their goal is to keep towns from opting out of new minimum wage standards. Meeting will be at 6:30, and all are welcome.

G. BEDS PLUS Proposal Discussion

Andrew wrote an email to Martha expressing support for the proposal, calling it a “win-win-win” plan.

Tom – The program is great, but we really don't have the capacity – storage space, stair safety, handicap accessibility, added utility costs, and a financially declining situation at Holy Covenant on the whole.

Bruce – agrees, especially due to the boiler situation, but also pointed out their need for food storage – another refrigerator, cabinet space devoted to BP.

Steve – agrees with Tom and Bruce. Also wants Holy Covenant to contact and work with our neighbors, NOT the Beds Plus leaders

Tom added that we (Holy Covenant) should also check with Village Officials and Police about it – parking, etc.

Barb – wants us to at least try

Martha – feels torn, loves the program and wishes we could do it, but agrees that our resources are a detriment right now.

Bruce – let's devote our energy right now to building membership before undertaking another major ministry

Laura Cleveland – we should do it – it's positive, it's Christian, it will attract positive vibes for Holy Covenant.

Mary Ann Latsaras – realist vs. faith – we have been down before and we crawled out.

After more discussion on all parts, it was decided that the Board will make its final decision at the August Board Meeting. We must all think and pray about adding this ministry.

#### VIII: New Business

##### A. No New Business

#### IX: Executive Session (Closed)

None

Closing Prayer – Steve Marz

Meeting adjourned at; 9:00